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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady at best. Retail demand was no better than moderate, mostly slow to fair, best for ads. Food service was slow to fairly good with fast food promotions increasing interest. Supplies were adequate to ample with heavier sizes more available in the East. In the parts structure, wings and tenders were tight to balanced and showed good movement. Remaining breast items were irregular with bone-in receiving additional inquiries and tightening. All other items were adequate to fully sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 59.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.00 cents last year on the 21ST of July 1999.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
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BREASTS - B/S	133.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	64.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.00
LEG QUARTERS	23.00
WINGS	57.50

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 07/15/00	2000	1999	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	178,749	182,678	-02
CHICKS PLACED	144,438	145,196	-01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 179 million eggs during the week ending July 15, 2000. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 144 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 15, 2000. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through July 15, 2000, were 4.12 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 26-Aug-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 150.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 155.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 155.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.90 CENTS PER POUND.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light to fair at best. Offerings were more than sufficient for limited trade needs and larger sizes were more available. Retail and distributive movement was no better than moderate. The market tone was steady at best. In the parts market, trading was quiet. Bone-in breasts were occasionally tight to adequate, but were not receiving much inquiry. Wings were good. All other items were more than adequate and no better than steady.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was light with limited trading. Supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings and tenders continued to dominate interest with tight supplies. Availability of remaining breast items was irregular with bone-in closer balanced and moving, but boneless/skinless more available and slowly clearing. Leg quarters were improved aided by export business. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate. Weights were mixed.

MIDWEST Trade sentiment on whole fryers was about steady. Additional product offerings were adequate or available with whole fryers more limited. Buyers generally satisfied with regular commitments. Movement into all channels remained generally slow to fair, instances fairly good with fast food and retail features providing best demand. Retail features noted in Chicago on leg quarters at 69 and boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.79. Floor stocks were balanced to ample with sizes mostly desirable. Parts trading remained most active on tenderloins, but tapering somewhat with the balance of trading light. Supplies were tight on wings and tenderloins, leg quarters were balanced and breast items fully adequate to ample. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm on wings and tenderloins, about steady on all other items.

WESTERN The market tone was about steady. Offerings readily available and slow to clear. Buyers interest in other than regular commitments slow to develop. Retailer demand was light for whole body and moderate for parts, best where featured. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was fully steady on white meat with, leg quarters generally steady, thighs and drumsticks barely steady.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair at best. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample and were generally more readily available on the larger sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was generally no better than steady. Inquiry for whole breasts increased and offerings continued to tighten. Wings and tenders continued to clear satisfactorily. Other items were at least adequate for immediate delivery.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	45-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.53
NO. OF BOXES	8,697

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

JULY 18, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JULY 19, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	735	110.00-175.00	130-135	141.07
TENDERLOINS	265	170.00-210.00	170-175	182.83
BREAST - LINE RUN	104	61.00-69.00	64-66	61.62
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	86	27.00-39.00	28-29	27.84
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	468	17.00-20.00	17-19	17.86
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,096	19.00-23.00	22-23	21.50
WINGS (WHOLE)	152	51.00-57.00	54-56	54.17
WINGS (CUT)	474	57.00-84.00	60-63	63.70
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR JULY 18, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
34.00 - 39.00	36.28

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	567	108.00-172.00	130-135	130.28
TENDERLOINS	140	170.00-210.00	170-175	192.86
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	59.00-69.00	60-62	62.70
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	86	27.00-39.00	28-29	27.84
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	589	18.00-20.00	18-19	19.05
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,217	20.00-22.50	21-22	21.35
WINGS (WHOLE)	132	49.00-55.00	52-54	52.11
WINGS (CUT)	427	62.00-84.00	66-67	67.76
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	44	22.00-35.00	-	23.18
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR JULY 19, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
34.50 - 39.50	37.03	36.31

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was mostly quiet and trading was light for midweek. Bone-in breasts were sometimes tight, however, few dealers were actually seeking them. Wings were tight to adequate and moving well. Boneless, skinless thigh meat was ample. The balance of items was at least adequate for immediate needs. Retail and distributive movement was slow to fair. The market tone was steady to fully steady on bone-in breasts and wings. Thigh meat was weak. All other items were just steady.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ITEM	JULY 18, 2000		
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	117.81	530,400
TENDERLOINS	160	170.26	127,160
BREAST - WITH RIBS	49-50	58.52	220,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	49	53.33	108,000
LEGS	35-36	36.19	230,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	22.61	527,947
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	38.58	161,520
THIGHS	22-23	31.65	142,370
B/S THIGHS	81-82	80.52	59,990
WINGS (WHOLE)	56-57	66.66	312,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.94	78,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.61	47,650
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.85	66,800

ITEM	JULY 19, 2000		
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	120.04	403,000
TENDERLOINS	160	169.91	94,160
BREAST - WITH RIBS	49-50	56.69	287,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	49	53.37	103,200
LEGS	35-36	37.83	168,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	22.82	861,879
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	35.76	132,720
THIGHS	22-23	23.98	240,260
B/S THIGHS	76-77	79.06	68,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	65.89	349,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.90	66,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.27	35,180
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.54	53,000

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	AVG				AVG			
	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	WTS	ACTUAL	WTS	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	WTS
	07/19	07/18	07/17	07/14	07/17	07/14	07/12	07/10
ALA	3,709	3,901	3,926	4,457	4.92	4.84	3,760	4.87
ARK	5,131	5,226	5,016	5,497	4.87	4.60	4,955	4.86
DELMARVA	2,428	2,391	2,415	2,629	5.12	5.04	2,409	5.07
KY-LA-TN	2,060	2,065	2,015	2,157	4.52	4.39	1,941	4.55
MISS	2,838	2,809	2,846	2,753	4.76	4.93	2,704	5.08
NC	2,666	2,667	2,559	2,657	5.94	6.01	2,619	5.87
TEXAS	2,386	2,353	2,299	2,292	4.75	4.65	2,331	4.72
TOTAL	21,218	21,412	21,076	22,442	4.98	4.86	20,719	4.87
MON-WED 64,128 (A)					63,665 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Jul 00 is estimated to be 31,745,000 up 1.84 percent from a week ago and up 3.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,546,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	79-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	68
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-96
	DRY PACK	102-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	106-111
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		148-160

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 22 -00

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	07/22/00 (1)	07/15/00
BRO-FRY	161,229 (2)	160,294
LT HENS	1,862	1,839
HVY HENS	1,665	1,541
CHECK TOTAL	164,756	163,674

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-Jul-00 is 157.8 million head compared to 156.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.6 million head or 3.8 million more than estimated available. For week of 29-Jul-00 the estimated available is 157.6 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 17-Jul-00	155,893	98,098
AM 1-Jul-00	150,279	93,719
CHG	5,614	4,379
PCT CHG	4	5

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS	PROCESSED POULTRY
	07/17/00 07/11/00 07/20/99	07/17/00 07/11/00 07/20/99
PACIFIC		
COAST	22,412 22,298 40,614	14,271 16,817 19,777
LOS ANGELES	285 299 279	4,408 4,652 10,200

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 07/18/00

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.15	.70	.35	HEAVY FOWL ea.	.30	.75	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.05	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	1.00	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	.30	-	BANTAMS ea.	.25	5.50	-
BROILERS lb.	.35	.65	.49	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.25	.75	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	2.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.50	3.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.60	1.35	.81	ROOSTERS ea.	1.75	2.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	6.00	-
DUCKS lb.	.25	1.90	.82	DUCKS ea.	2.00	4.50	-
RABBITS lb.	.35	.75	.48	RABBITS ea.	.50	1.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.60	4.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	3.00	7.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	4.25	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	4.00	-
SILKIES ea.	1.00	2.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	.50	2.00	-				

TOTAL COOPS 135

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF July 17, 2000

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	55-56
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	58-64

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending July 14, 2000

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	69.53	135.01	81.97	19.29	3.38	50.63
High	72.13	144.65	96.43	28.93	4.82	50.63
Mostly	69.91	144.65	86.79	19.29	3.38	50.63
SAN JUAN						
Low	72.33	135.01	81.97	26.52	5.79	62.20
High	74.74	159.12	96.43	43.40	12.05	62.20
Mostly	73.58	144.65	86.79	33.75	7.23	62.20
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	69.72	125.36	77.15	19.29	3.38	48.22
High	71.75	144.65	96.43	28.93	4.82	48.22
Mostly	70.01	135.01	86.79	19.29	3.38	48.22
BECERRA						
Low	71.84	139.83	77.15	21.70	5.79	62.88
High	75.03	163.94	101.26	48.22	12.05	62.88
Mostly	74.74	149.47	86.79	38.57	8.68	62.88

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